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Acting under paragraph 1 of Article 35 of the Charter of the United Nations, in view of the dramatic increase in aggression against Sarajevo and Bihac and cities in central Bosnia, the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina requests an emergency meeting of the Security Council, to stop the aggression against the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo has endured days of intensified shelling where the airport has since been closed, and a western suburb of Otes has fallen. Otes fell primarily because the defender forces ran out of armour-piercing ammunition needed to neutralize the 20 tanks used by the aggressor. The defender forces had no tanks. The defenders were also at a tremendous disadvantage as the aggressor forces were able to fire 64 artillery shells for every one fired by the defenders. More than 4,000 shells have fallen on Otes since the Serb and Montenegrin extremists began their attack on Tuesday. According to Brig.-General Hussein Ali Abdul-Razek, commander of the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo: "All our efforts here to save lives and restore utilities have completely failed."

The aggresssor forces have also significantly intensified their attacks on cities in the northern corridor of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where numerous violations of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) have been recorded, despite numerous local and general cease-fires. The corridor would link occupied territories in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia to Serbia, as previously noted by Lord Owen in his statement to the Security Council on 13 November 1992.

Excellency, the dramatic increase in aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina continues anew despite numerous positive resolutions by the Security Council. The Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina demands that the Security Council take immediate measures, including the use of force under Chapter VII, to enforce its resolutions and stop this aggression.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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